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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Muldowney

Application No.: 10/712,362

Filed: 11/13/2003

Title: POLISHING PAD HAVING A GROOVE  
ARRANGEMENT FOR REDUCING SLURRY  
CONSUMPTIONArt Unit:  
3723Examiner:  
H. Shakeri

Attorney Docket No.: 03031US

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 9, 2005 and the advisory action dated October 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on November 9, 2005, extended through the notice of appeal to expire January 8, 2006, please amend this application through the request for continuing examination as follows: